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Credentials of representatives to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/65/583/Rev.1) [3 (b)]

The Chair of the Credentials Committee made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/65/583/Rev.1) (resolution 65/237).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Nigeria and Namibia.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 3.

The President made a concluding statement on the work of the General Assembly during the main part of the sixty-fifth session.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [115]

(a) Draft resolution (A/65/L.50)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/660)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 115.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/65/L.50 (resolution 65/238).

The representative of France made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of Trinidad and Tobago made a statement.

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The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 115.

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [116]

(a) Draft resolution (A/65/L.36)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/658)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 116.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement, in the course of which she orally revised draft resolution A/65/L.36.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/65/L.36, as orally revised (resolution 65/239).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

Reports of the Third and Fifth Committees

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Third and Fifth Committees which were before the Assembly.

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [66]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/65/454)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/659)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 66.

By a vote of 104 to 22, with 33 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 27 of its report (A/65/454) (resolution 65/240).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 66.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [68 (c)]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/65/456/Add.3)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/657)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 68.

By a vote of 85 to 26, with 46 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 25 of its report (A/65/456/Add.3) (resolution 65/241).

The representative of Myanmar made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 68 and of agenda item 68 as a whole.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [122]

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/65/L.54)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 122.

The representative of Trinidad and Tobago made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/65/L.54.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.54.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/65/L.54 (resolution 65/242).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 122.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 127 to 130, 132 to 134, 136 to 142, 128 together with 139, 144, 147 together with 148, 153 and 157.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/594) [127]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/65/594) (resolution 65/243).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 127.

Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/544) [130]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/65/544) (resolution 65/244).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/595) [132]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/595) (resolution 65/245).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/492/Add.1) [133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/492/Add.1) (resolution 65/246).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/647) [134]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/647), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.15 (resolution 65/247).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 134.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/648) [136]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/65/648), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.16 (resolution 65/248).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

United Nations pension system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/633) [137]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/65/633) (resolution 65/249).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/543) [138]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/543).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 138.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/649) [128 and 139]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/649), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.9 (resolution 65/250).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 128 and 139.

Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/650) [140]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/650), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.17 (resolution 65/251).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/651) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/651), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.18 (resolution 65/252).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/652) . . . . . [142]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/652), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.19 (resolution 65/253).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 142.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/653) . . . . . [144]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/653), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.11 (resolution 65/254).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 144.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/654) [147 and 148]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/654), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.12 (resolution 65/255).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 147 and 148.

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/655) . . . . . [153]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/655), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.13 (resolution 65/256).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 153.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/656) . . . . . [157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/656), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.14 (resolution 65/257).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 157.

Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/65/646 and A/65/646/Add.1) . . . . . [129]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/65/646), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.21 (resolution 65/258).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Nicaragua.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution I recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 52 of its report (A/65/646/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.22, as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Section XIII of draft resolution I (recorded vote)	119	9	7
Draft resolution I, as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 65/259)	142	1	3

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 52 of its report (A/65/646/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.23 (resolution 65/260).

The General Assembly adopted draft decision I recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 53 of its report (A/65/646/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.23.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 53 of its report (A/65/646/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.23.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 129.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/65/645) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/65/645), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.24 (resolution 65/261).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/65/645), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/65/L.25 (resolution 65/262).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 128.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

Programme of work

The General Assembly took note that agenda items 9, 10, 12 to 15, 20 (i), 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36 to 40, 42 to 48, 51, 53, 60, 62, 63, 66, 69, 107 to 109, 112 (a) and (c), 113 (f), 114 to 121, 122 (a), (b), (i), (l), (n), (q), (r), (t) and (w), 123, 125 to 160 and 162 remained open for consideration during the sixty-fifth session.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

27th meeting

The Chair of the Committee called to order the 27th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

The representative of France made a statement.

Human resources management [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.15, which had been coordinated by the representative of Ireland, Rapporteur of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

United Nations common system [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.16, which had been coordinated by the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [139]

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.9, which had been coordinated by the representative of South Africa, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these items at this stage.

Administration of justice at the United Nations [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.17, which had been coordinated by the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian law committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible Genocide and Other Such Violations committee in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.18, which had been coordinated by the representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.19, which had been coordinated by the representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.11, which had been coordinated by the representative of Switzerland, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [147]

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [148]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.12, which had been coordinated by the representative of Guatemala, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.13, which had been coordinated by the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan [157]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.14, which had been coordinated by the representative of Panama, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/65/L.20 (sections A–D), which had been coordinated by the representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The representative of Israel requested a recorded vote on section C of the draft decision.

Before the vote on section C of the draft decision, the representative of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on section C of draft decision A/C.5/65/L.20, which was adopted, by a recorded vote of 102 in favour to 17 against, with 33 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted the draft decision as a whole, without a vote.

The Chair of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.21, which had been coordinated by the representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The Committee then had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.22 (sections I–XIX), which had been coordinated by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Kenya, Singapore and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee, as well as by the representative of Romania, Vice-Chair of the Committee, and the representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran proposed an oral amendment to section XIII of the draft resolution.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and France requested a vote on the oral amendment proposed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Before the vote on the oral amendment to section XIII of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the oral amendment proposed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to section XIII of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.22, which was rejected, by a recorded vote of 79 against to 11 in favour, with 36 abstentions.

After the vote, a statement was then made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela also proposed an oral amendment to section XIII of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Canada and the Netherlands requested a vote on the oral amendment proposed by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Before the vote on the oral amendment to section XIII of the draft resolution, the representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the oral amendment proposed by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to section XIII of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.22, which was also rejected, by a recorded vote of 68 against to 17 in favour, with 51 abstentions.

After the vote, the representative of Cuba requested a recorded vote be taken on section XIII of the draft resolution.

Before the vote on section XIII of the draft resolution, the representatives of Brazil, Nicaragua and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made statements.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on section XIII of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.22, which was adopted, by a recorded vote of 130 in favour to 9 against, with 4 abstentions.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran then requested a recorded vote be taken on draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.22, as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.22, as a whole, which was also adopted, by a recorded vote of 144 in favour to 1 against, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and Cuba.

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The Chair of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the note of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund contained in document A/C.5/65/14.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chair of the Committee proposed, and the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to note that a balance of $22,408,100 remained in the contingency fund.

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

The Chair of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/65/L.23, submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Rapporteur.

As draft resolution I and draft decision I were adopted previously, the Committee then adopted, without a vote, draft resolution II and draft decision II contained in document A/C.5/65/L.23.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft report as a whole.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.24, which had been coordinated by the representative of Nicaragua, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee also had before it draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.25, which had been coordinated by the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee also adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

The Chair made a concluding statement.

Concluding statements were also made by the representatives of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the African Group), Pakistan and Eritrea.

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